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HEROISM IN THE ENGINE CAB.

Another case of heroism in an engine cab is told in today's dispatches. The passenger train on the Great Northern ran into a landslide at Richmond Beach, near Seattle, last night, and as a result Neal McKinley, the engineer, lies dead. When the danger came into view he reversed the lever, and with his hand upon the throttle, faced approaching death. Oftentimes men risk their lives when there is no need, and tears are shed over a mangled corpse which death overtook through the victim's mistaken sense of duty. But in the instant that intervenes for judgment to decide there is little time for weighing results and the brave man errs on the side of duty. This engineer thought the lives of those entrusted to his care could be better served by his remaining in the engine, and so he did, and the world applauds his act.

The average traveler little thinks of the man in the engine cab, and yet in nearly every case the man is a hero. The cases where he proves faithful to his duty are rare indeed, while nearly every day there comes the same story of the man who died with his hand upon the throttle, thinking only of the sleeping passengers behind him. No class of men is more deserving of praise than railroad engineers. Quick minded, strong nerved, cool headed, sober and faithful, they face death in ugly forms and never flinch. When the book of heroes is made up the name of the railroad engineer will be high in the roll, and the numerous instances of unselfish sacrifice will stand in clear light.

We can well afford to honor the brave engineer, and shed a tear of sorrow with his mourning comrades when he falls under the cruel weight of the engine, dying as only a hero dies.

COUNTY ASSESSMENTS.

The Portland press comments upon the conscientious work which is now being done by the assessor of Multnomah county and his assistants. That careful and conscientious work is being done by a county assessor ought not to excite comment; but in view of the customary manner of doing the work, it is a very remarkable fact that efficiency should be exercised in an office which is, perhaps, the most important in the county. That the work has never been carefully done in this county is evidenced by the inaccuracies found on the assessment rolls and the large amount of untaxed property brought to light by the preparation of present ownership books begun this year. There has been added to the taxable real property something like \$100,000. The discovery of this untaxed realty ought to, and will, if the work upon the next assessment roll is done with the care it should be, discover much personal property not heretofore taxed.

The county of Wasco has run behind during the last fourteen or fifteen years nearly, if not quite, \$100,000, an average annual deficit of about \$6,600. We venture to say this debt would not exist had the assessments been carefully made and the taxes collected as thoroughly as they could have been. In the economical administration of the county much depends upon all the county officers; but more depends upon the assessor than all the others. Yet when the assessor of the richest county in the state goes at his work as the law contemplates and it is done conscientiously, it excites comment.

PROSPECTIVE PRICE OF WHEAT.

The London Statist, a publication of repute, and upon whose estimates reliance can be placed, gives the probable wheat production of the world as follows: America, 425,000,000, as against 510,000,000 bushels last year; Russia, 360,000,000 bushels, against 420,000,000 bushels last year; Austria-Hungary, slightly less than last year, and Roumania and Bulgaria rather more; France less by 40,000,000 bushels than last year; Germany about the same, and India 18,500,000 bushels less.

If these estimates prove accurate, there is every reason to believe that the price of wheat will, before the season closes, go up by a considerable margin. Chicago wheat speculators are doing all in their power to keep down the price. While they can no doubt influence the market to an appreciable extent, they cannot control it, and the laws of supply and demand will finally control.

As a rule we do not believe in the practice of many farmers of holding on-

til late in the season; but there now appears much reason for their doing so this season. A cent or two gain per bushel is soon overcome by interest and warehouse charges; but a possible gain of five to eight cents is worth waiting for.

The Oregonian is sometimes as unreasonable in discussing the affairs of other states as it often is in matters nearer home. Its comments upon the controversy between Gov. Woodbury of Vermont and the Rutland Herald is unfair in the extreme. The controversy arose, not out of the evils or benefits resulting from the prohibition law of Vermont, but entirely out of the fact that the Rutland Herald has accused Gov. Woodbury of a crime, and the governor has seen fit to have the accusation investigated by the courts, and therefore has sued the Herald for libel. That is the whole matter. There is no scandal about it, any more than there is a scandal connected with the enforcement of the excise law in New York. In the latter case those who are enforcing the law do not favor it, but being sworn to do their duty, and their duty being to enforce the law, are attempting to do it.

Probably the greatest array of legal talent ever employed on a single case is that now appearing at Seattle in the case of the Northern Pacific receivers. The case is one of great importance, and that fact is reflected by the prominence of the men who appear for the different parties in the suit. The number of ex-United States senators which appear is striking. The counsel includes Senator John H. Mitchell of Oregon, ex-Senator John B. Allen of Washington, ex-Senator John C. Spooner of Wisconsin, ex-Senator J. N. Dolph of Oregon, and ex-Senator Wm. F. Saunders of Montana. All these gentlemen have achieved national reputations in political life, and stand in the front rank of able lawyers. There could be many reminiscences of the United States senate called to mind by the different members of the group.

A gentleman from the East recently visited The Dalles for the purpose of obtaining information concerning our resources and the desirability of this locality for the investment of capital, commented upon the apparent lack of unity among the business men of our city. His inquiry why, if we had such advantages for the woolen and clothing industries, no capitalists had ever examined into the subject before, could not easily be answered; we were forced to concede that whenever the matter was discussed there seemed to be a lack of harmony among capitalists, which was not encouraging to outsiders. A live and enthusiastic commercial organization would go a long way toward uniting the people of this city in the development of our resources.

The law regulating the catching and handling of salmon should be enforced or repealed. That the present law is inequitable and gives every advantage to the fishermen and cannerymen at the mouth of the river, there is no question. Just at the time when the stage of water permits of the taking of fish here, as a usual thing the close season commences; and at the same time successful fishing at Astoria is at an end. But we have the law, and THE CHRONICLE believes that until it is repealed it should be strictly enforced. If it is enforced as against transportation companies, there will be little temptation to fishermen to violate it.

The first appearance in European gardens of the rhubarb, a now well-known plant, was in 1530, when one Andreas Boorde thus describes it: "I have sent to you mastashipp," he quaintly says, "the seedes of reuberbe, the which came owt off Barbary's. In these parts the seedes be sowne in March, thyn (thin), and when they be rooted they must be taken upp and sett every one off them a foote or more from another, and well watered." These instructions were apparently not followed, or some other mishap befell the rhubarb, for the plant was not known in Europe till two hundred years later.

No criminal is more dangerous to a community than one who will commit arson. A highway robber has many admirable qualities as compared to a man who, at an hour when a community is most sure to be asleep, sets fire to any building; and the man who would fire a building in which helpless animals are kept, is despicable beyond expression. We hope, for the good name of the community, that it will yet be made to appear that Saturday morning's fire was not the work of incendiary origin.

Had James G. Blaine been secretary of state during the recent troubles in China, there would have been no debate as to whether American citizens in China should be protected in their treaty rights. Blaine's enemies used to refer to his foreign policy as "Jingoism," but his influence was always felt abroad in times of conflict between Americans and foreigners.

Hood River is to have a fruit exhibition this fall. Their enterprise is commendable, and the fruitraisers of this section would do well to join them—provided they have the opportunity. Hood River knows how to advertise, and it has something worth having to advertise.

DENUNCIATION WILL NOT WIN.

Messrs. Debs and Coxe join in ranting against the old political parties, and seek to advance their own interests by violent denunciations. Their utterances will convince no one of their correctness; but their unfitness for political or other leadership is made very apparent.

The true welfare of laboring men will never be advanced by these methods or these men. Bitter denunciation and abuse avails nothing, but generally weakens the cause in behalf of which they are used.

Mr. Coxe says he will be the next governor of Ohio; but either he does not believe it, or else he has no political sagacity. Mr. Debs denounces the judge who pronounced sentence upon him as a Czar, and abuses the courts which have been the instruments of enforcing the law of the land. Neither of these men could be trusted for a moment by the nation, if the government is to stand; and the people, outside of the populists, who have anarchical tendencies, are quite content that the government should remain.

OUR FRUIT SHIPMENTS.

A steady stream of fruit is flowing from Wasco county, both east and west. A part of this product will not be consumed until it will have gone a quarter way around the world. In other words, we have now a market as great as any country in the world; and the only questions which remain to be solved are: "How can the fruit be packed so as to keep?" and "How can it be shipped so as to leave to the producer a fair compensation?" These questions will solve themselves as the products increase.

Not until last year were shipments of Pacific coast fresh fruits made to the old world. The channel is opened, and the stream should never diminish. This year a direct line of steamers will carry Oregon apples to China and Japan. Here again is an extensive market, and the Oregonian of ten years hence will witness an industry in the way of fruit in Oregon that few of us now dream of. Bear in mind that thus far Wasco county holds the palm. We can continue to hold it, if we will.

THE REAL ISSUE.

The president of New York's police commission says: "The question at issue in New York City just at present is much more important than the question of a more or less liberal Sunday excise law. The question is as to whether public officials are to be true to their oaths of office, and see that the law is administered in good faith." This is the important question in any government. Whenever the enforcement of law is left to the choice of police or other officials, whose duty is to enforce it, the legislature is a useless piece of machinery. Better elect men to govern as they may see fit, and do away with legislatures entirely.

There should be no such thing as a dead letter law. When accuracy and efficiency shall have been attained by all executive officers, there will be a great diminution in senseless legislation; and until then legislators will continue to vote for worthless laws just to accommodate somebody.

The directors of the Walla Walla penitentiary have announced that in all probability the jute mill in connection with that institution will have to close down. The extensive importation of grain sacks from Calcutta, and the sharp competition between local sellers have brought the price down to a figure lower than the state can meet. For this reason the jute industry at the penitentiary will probably cease. For once the farmer has been the beneficiary from the competition, and he has watched the fight with increasing interest as the price grew lower. The state need not regret having placed the jute plant in connection with the penitentiary, for it has acted as a regulating force, and has brought down the price of sacks from an exorbitant figure, just as the D. P. & A. N. Co. has been the means of bringing freight rates here to their proper level. The price of grain sacks in Washington can never be forced higher than their legitimate value, for when such a figure is reached the state can again intervene, and the price of sacks, like water, will seek its level.

The Oregonian is as unfair in its criticism of THE CHRONICLE's reference to its recent editorial entitled "Another Prohibition Scandal," as it was in the editorial itself. THE CHRONICLE is not searching for matter of misrepresentation against the Oregonian. The matter is, as the Oregonian says, of little general interest, and therefore ought not to take up more space of either paper. But we insist that the whole tenor of the article criticised was unfair, and our criticism was just. The Vermont papers of good standing put a different version upon the whole matter from that the Oregonian seeks to present. But no matter, the Vermont people will doubtless take care of themselves.

The purchase of lands from the Indians by the payment to them of money is a curse to the Indian, and worse than a waste of money. Better far to let them retain their lands, even though settlers are thereby inconvenienced, for

it will be a question of only a few months until the Indian and his money will have forever parted company, and he will be a complaining charge upon the hands of the government.

The expenditures of the government for the first two-thirds of the present month exceeds the income by more than \$7,000,000. During last month the deficit was nearly eight and a half millions. Where is the surplus that used to threaten our national existence and was the cause of so much democratic denunciation? What further comment upon the failure of this administration is needed?

If the construction of dwelling houses indicates anything as to the growth of a town in population, The Dalles is growing rapidly. Within the past two months not less than a dozen dwellings have been built, and plans for a number of others are now being prepared; yet not a desirable house in town is vacant.

By the death of H. O. Houghton, Massachusetts loses one of its greatest publishers and best men. He was scholarly, prudent and generous. Many a charitable library has cause to remember his name for his liberal gifts of books. Few men will be more greatly missed by literary people.

Farricide Held Without Bail.

NORTH YAKIMA, Aug. 23.—Charles McGonigle was given a preliminary examination before Justice Rodman this afternoon on a charge of murder, the victim being his aged father. The courtroom was crowded. The defense brought in no evidence, and the prosecution introduced but three of their ten witnesses. The judge held McGonigle without bonds to await the action of the superior court in October. When the prisoner was taken back to jail, he surprised his guards by dancing a jig on the jail floor and laughing over the result of the examination. He is thought to be feigning insanity.

One night when Mr. Isaac Reese was stopping with me, says M. F. Hatch, a prominent merchant of Quartermaster, Washington, I heard him groaning. On going to his room I found him suffering from cramp colic. He was in such agony I feared he would die. I hastily gave him a dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He was soon relieved and the first words he uttered were, "what was that stuff you gave me?" I informed him. A few days ago we were talking about the attack and he said he was never without that remedy now. I have used it in my family for several years. I know its worth and do not hesitate to recommend it to my friends and customers. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton Druggist.

Ex-Consul Waller's Case.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The state department has received a cable from Paris stating that Ambassador Eustis, upon the return of the French minister of foreign affairs to Paris, has come to an understanding with him regarding the designation of the deputies to be sent to Charlevoix to see ex-United States Consul Waller, confined under 20 years' sentence. The second secretary of the United States legation, Newton B. Eustis, and Mr. Alexander, consul of the embassy, have been selected by the ambassador. They started this morning.

Engineer of Gurney Hotel Arrested.

ANTENITO, Colo., Aug. 24.—Elmer Loesch, engineer of the Gurney hotel, at Denver, was arrested here last night. He says the boiler explosion which killed 22 people was not due to carelessness on his part. He claims that before leaving the hotel he banked the fire and made sure that the boiler was two-thirds full of water. He left Denver because he feared personal violence.

Hypochondriacal, despondent, nervous, "tired out" men—those who suffer from backache, weariness, loss of energy, impaired memory, dizziness, melancholy and discouragement, the result of exhausting diseases, or drains upon the system, excesses, or abuses, bad habits, or early vices, are treated through correspondence at their homes, with uniform success, by the Specialists of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. A book of 136 large pages, devoted to the consideration of the maladies above hinted at, may be had, mailed securely sealed from observation, in a plain envelope, by sending 10 cents in one-cent stamps (for postage on Book), to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, at the above mentioned Hotel. For more than a quarter of a century, physicians connected with this widely celebrated Institution, have made the treatment of the delicate diseases above referred to, their sole study and practice. Thousands, have consulted them. This vast experience has naturally resulted in improved methods and means of cure.

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Do You Know a Good Thing WHEN YOU TASTE IT? IF SO YOU WILL NEVER BE WITHOUT DR. MENLEY'S CELERY BEEF AND IRON. QUIETS AND STRENGTHENS THE NERVES, BUILDS UP THE SYSTEM, PURIFIES AND ENRICHES THE BLOOD. NATURE'S BUILDER AND TONIC. FOR SALE BY BLAKELEY & HOUGHTON.

WEATHER BUREAU.

Weather Crop Bulletin No 23 of the Oregon State Weather Service for Eastern Oregon.

Weather: A few light sprinkles of rain fell on the 20th and 21st. The night of the 20th a heavy rain occurred at Baker City, when 0.16 of an inch fell. The temperature the day was cooler than during the week preceding, while the night temperature was about the same. The maximum ranged from 70 to 90 degrees, and the minimum from 46 to 64 degrees. The atmosphere was not so smoky during the past few days as it had been.

Crops: For progress in general farm work the weather conditions have been perfect. There has not been any rain, except in some southern sections, and root crops are so far advanced that rain would not be of benefit. Owing to the condition of the grain crops continued fair weather is much desired. In Wasco and Sherman counties much of the grain is in the shock, while in sections to the east heading and threshing is progressing together. Heading is being completed in all sections, and the sound of the thresher everywhere is evidence of the effort being exerted by the farmer to save his grain as soon as possible and have it marketed before the commencement of the fall rains and avoid a recurrence of the damage by unreasonable weather, which occurred in 1893, and which is fresh in the mind of the public. The berry of the grain is not as could be desired, and in many instances, it must be said that the grain presents a shriveled appearance, which condition is directly attributed to the constant and prolonged drought. In the Walla Walla valley the grain will be of good quality; there the average amount of precipitation was approached nearer than in sections of Eastern Oregon. There will also be a good quality of grain from Wasco and Sherman counties, though much shriveled grain will be shipped from those sections. While in Wasco and Sherman counties the average precipitation was not reached, more rain fell than in Umatilla, Gilliam and Morrow counties. Harvesting continues with good progress south and east of the Blue mountains, where in all sections crops have suffered from the drought. The harvest of alfalfa continues. Owing to the fear that the hay crop will not be sufficient to meet the demands, farmers and stockraisers are disposing of their cattle and are doing so without making a sacrifice, since the prices offered are very good. Grass is thin on the range, so that hay has to be fed to cattle just the same as in winter. Fruit shipments continue large, and the complaints of dry weather causing fruit to drop from the trees are fewer. Bartlett pears and late peaches are ripening and are being shipped. Plums are being picked and dried in large quantities.

A rain occurred in portions of Union, Baker, Klamath and Harney counties on the 21st, which failed to do any damage or much good. The potato crop, with but few exceptions, has done well in the absence of precipitation, though in many sections there will not be enough for home consumption. South and east of the Blue mountains the stockholders look forward to early rains to improve the grass on the range, without which the difficulty of taking care of the stock during the winter will be greatly increased.

Portland, Or., August 27, 1895.

The project of Paul Mohr's railroad across from The Dalles is having renewed agitation. Mr. Mohr has just returned from New York and stopped in Walla Walla one day. While there he had consultation with W. D. Tyler, Miles C. Moore and Levi Ankeny, all of whom are interested in the W. & C. R. R. Although the details of the interview are not known, it is believed the proposition was discussed of placing boats on the upper Columbia to run from Columbia to Wallula and connect with the Washington and Columbia River Railroad, formerly known as the Hunt system. This road is valuable property and holds the key to an important situation. The scheme is a reasonable one, while yet entirely chimerical, there is no reason why it cannot be made to succeed if properly pushed. Should the boats be built and the portage road across from The Dalles be constructed, a great step in the further development of Eastern Oregon will have been taken, and in a few years there will be a settler on every available quarter section, instead of allowing many fertile acres to remain untilled. The next few years will see great changes in The Dalles and surrounding country.

Davenport Bros. Lumber Company of Hood River have 400 cords of good dry fir wood for sale at Haine's Spur. 281w

A Novel Idea.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 23.—Dr. C. C. Wylie, a well-known physician of this city, proposes to destroy typhoid fever and other disease germs in water by electrocuting the water. His plans as announced is to turn a powerful electric current into the water, thereby killing all germs in it. Dr. Wylie says it can be done. Other physicians here are discussing the prospect favorably, and experiments on the line of Dr. Wylie's ideas will be made.

ECZEMA, greatest of skin diseases, is the cause of more intense suffering than all others combined.

Tender babies are among its numerous victims. The itching, burning, cracking, bleeding, and scaling of the skin and scalp are almost beyond endurance.

Sleep is out of the question. Most remedies and physicians generally fail even to relieve. If CUTICURA remedies did no more than cure Eczema, they would be entitled to the gratitude of mankind.

They not only Cure but

A single application is often sufficient to afford instant relief, permit rest and sleep, and point to a speedy, permanent cure.

SPEDDY CURE TREATMENT.—Warm baths with CUTICURA SOAP, gentle applications of CUTICURA ointment, and mild doses of CUTICURA RESOLVENT (the new blood purifier). Sold throughout the world. J. C. Foy's Dispensary & Cash. Sole Proprietors, Boston, U. S. A. How to Cure Baby's Skin Diseases, free.

Mothers Find Comfort and Strength in Cuticura Skin Plaster

Floating Derelicts to Be Removed.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The Chronicle says that at the request of Lloyd's, a committee of the board of trade is considering the advisability of sending a representative to Washington to arrange a joint scheme to destroy floating derelicts, especially in the North Atlantic. It is probable that Messrs. Cummings and McDonna will be chosen.

When people are obliged to take medicine they want that it shall give quick relief and not add discomfort to their sufferings. Three reasons why people who suffer with Constipation and Biliousness should take Simmons Liver Regulator: "It is better than pills, it does not grip; it gives quick relief, and does not weaken but strengthens and refreshes the whole system."—J. R. Hieand, Monroe, Ia.

Colored Knights to Settle Their Trouble.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—The litigation which disturbed the colored Knights of Pythias during their convention this week was finally closed today, when Judge Chetlain, on motion of the complainants, issued an order dismissing the bill of Dolly Proctor and discharging the receiver.

Pains in the small of the back indicate a diseased condition of the kidneys. Owing to the dangerous nature of the diseases which attack those organs it is important that measures should be taken to remove the trouble before it has become too firmly fixed. Prudence would suggest the prompt use of Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm which has specific action on the liver and kidneys and will cause an early restoration to healthy conditions. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

A Fatal Runaway.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 26.—Milton Wilson, a prominent farmer living near Halsey, drove to church in that place yesterday. Returning, his team ran away, throwing the occupants out. Mr. Wilson received injuries from which he died this morning. Mrs. Wilson is not expected to live, and two little daughters were also seriously injured. It was a spirited team and ran into a fence, overturning the carriage and throwing the occupants against it while the horses were running at full speed.

Thoroughbred Hogs for Sale.

English dish-faced Berkshire Hogs, consisting of two boars and five sows. Enquire at this office, or at the place of R. B. GILBERT, 15-Mile. aug28-1m